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Section	1	General requirements (N.J.A.C. 10:127-10.1)	

§10:127-10.1 General requirements

(a) Any facility that provides services to pregnant adolescents and adolescent parents caring for their children shall meet all requirements of this subchapter and all applicable requirements of N.J.A.C. 10:127-1 through 9.

(b) The facility shall provide services that include the following:

1. Services regarding paternal involvement;
2. Services to the adolescent's family;
3. Parenting education;
4. Infant stimulation;
5. Health education, prenatal care, postnatal care and physical care of the adolescent mothers and infants;
6. Nutrition; and
7. Life skills development.

(c) The facility shall provide the following indoor space:

1. A private place where adolescents can store their belongings and those of their infants, which is accessible to the adolescents at all times;
2. Sufficient space to accommodate tables and chairs for all adolescents and on-duty child care staff to eat meals together;
3. Adequate space for the implementation of treatment services including individual counseling sessions, parent training sessions, family counseling sessions and case management planning meetings; and
4. The following additional floor space:
 - i. At least 70 square feet for the first occupant of a bedroom and 50 additional square feet for each additional occupant. The facility

shall not allow more than four occupants, including adolescents and/or infants, to sleep in the same bedroom; and

ii. For each adolescent and infant, at least 30 square feet of common living space, defined as those areas that adolescents and infants can use for socializing or recreation during waking hours. The dining area shall not be included in determining compliance with this requirement, unless the dining area is accessible to adolescents and infants outside of meal time.

(d) The facility shall maintain all indoor areas in a safe and sanitary manner by ensuring that:

1. There are no poisonous plants;
2. Any corrosive agents, insecticides, bleaches, detergents, polishes, any products under pressure in an aerosol spray can, and any toxic substances are stored in locked cabinets or enclosed in areas not accessible to infants;
3. All electrical outlets accessible to infants have protective covers;
4. All fluorescent tubes and incandescent light bulbs have protective covers or shields;
5. All windows and other glass surfaces that are not made of safety glass and that are located within three feet above the floor shall have protective guards unless the facility does not provide services to ambulatory infants or toddlers;
6. Staff has access to any bedrooms that the adolescents are allowed to lock;
7. Non-permanent safety barriers (safety gates) are installed to prevent infants from falling down stairs, ramps, balconies, porches or elevated play areas;
8. Materials and furniture for indoor and outdoor use are of sturdy and safe construction, easy to clean and free of hazards that may be injurious to adolescents and infants;
9. Infants are kept away from hot stoves, irons and ironing boards, knives, glassware and other equipment that may cause injury; and
10. Poisons, insect traps, and rodent traps are kept out of the reach of infants.

(e) The facility shall maintain all outdoor areas in a safe and sanitary manner by ensuring that:

1. Non-permanent safety barriers (safety gates) are installed to block steps used by infants, unless the steps are blocked by a door;
2. Snow is removed from sidewalks and from the walkways and paths leading to the entrances and exits of the facility:

- i. Within 24 hours of cessation of snowfall; or
- ii. According to local ordinance; and

3. All drains and wells have protective coverings.

(f) The facility shall provide a crib for each infant under 18 months of age but may allow infants to sleep in a playpen or on a mat at least one inch thick on the floor for naps during the daytime.

(g) The facility shall provide a crib or bed for each infant 18 months of age or older.

(h) The facility shall ensure that:

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